

## PRETTY SNOW ARRIVES FOR WHITE CHRISTMAS

### Senators Clear Last Big Hurdle

#### Pass Tax Reform, Give In On Jobs For Blacks

By WALTER R. MEARS  
WASHINGTON (AP)—The last serious barriers to congressional adjournment today were cleared away with passage of the massive tax reform bill and Senate surrender on President Nixon's plan to open up more construction jobs to blacks.

### Graduate Of BHHS Gets Bronze Star

#### Lt. Durren Serves In Support Role



LT. LEE DURREN

Army First Lt. Lee Durren, son of Mr. and Mrs. March F. Durren, formerly of Benton Harbor, Mich., is a Benton Harbor high school graduate and holds a bachelor of science degree from Western Michigan university.

He is a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity and was employed by Lincoln - Mercury Division, Ford Motor company, Dearborn, before entering the Army.



With these matters taken care of Monday, the House marked time before today's expected mid-afternoon adjournment, while the Senate faced its last bit of routine business—extending regulations governing trade with some Communist nations.

The major congressional handwork of 1969, the giant tax cut and reform bill, already is on its way to the White House and a top Senate Republican said there is no doubt President Nixon will sign it into law.

#### PASSES SENATE

The tax bill swept through the Senate Monday, 71-6, after clearing the House 381-2. Ultimately, it will provide \$9.1 billion in tax cuts, offset by \$6.5 billion in revenue to be raised by the reform provisions.

But a lesser measure, a normally routine \$278 million appropriation bill for an assortment of federal agencies, produced a civil rights controversy which kept the Senate working late Monday amid maneuver and controversy.

At issue was congressional clearance of the administration's Philadelphia plan designed to promote employment of Negroes on federally-financed construction projects.

A Senate amendment tacked on to the catch-all appropriation bill would have barred continuation of that program; Nixon termed it unconstitutional and threatened a veto.

The House voted 208-156 to strike the amendment from the bill, and the Senate, weary and ready to quit, finally yielded, too.

#### HAGGLE IN CLOAKROOM

Earlier, Senate leaders and budget technicians haggled in the cloakrooms and corridors over the minority employment issue, seeking a way to avoid the threatened veto, a session-prolonging deadlock with the House, or a long debate.

Those prospects could have settled the effort to quit before Christmas.

Sen. Hugh Scott, R-Pa., the minority leader, came up with a ploy to undo the snarl.

When Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., called up the amendment that drew the administration opposition, Scott moved to table the measure. That is a parliamentary device which forces an immediate, if indirect, vote on an issue. There can be no debate, and tabling kills the measure involved.

"If a motion to table fails, where are we?" asked Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., amid confusion on the Senate floor. "We're here

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HOW ABOUT THAT? Stanley Panek of Groton, Conn., couldn't understand why his car performed so poorly, so he decided to do a tune-up on the vehicle. Much to his dismay, when he removed the cover to the air cleaner, he found that a squirrel or chipmunk had decided to use the automobile as a place to store nuts for the winter. (AP Wire-photo)

### O'Donnohues Get Probation

#### Ex-Harbert Postmaster Also Fined \$100

Three Berrien county people indicted by a federal grand jury in 1968 on charges involving post office funds were sentenced Monday on lesser charges in U.S. District court in Kalamazoo.

The three, were former Harbert Postmaster David O'Donnohue Jr., 46; his wife, Delores, 44, and Mrs. Barbara Sandtveit, 41. They had pleaded guilty Oct. 31 to charges of not recording \$100 money orders when required.

O'Donnohue was placed on two years' probation and ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine by Judge W. Wallace Kent. Mrs. O'Donnohue was placed on two years' probation and Mrs. Sandtveit on one-year probation.

Judge Kent dismissed charges of embezzlement contained in the original grand jury indictment.

The three pleaded innocent to the indictments upon being arraigned.

The U.S. District Attorney's office based in Grand Rapids filed the lesser charges against the three after reviewing the case. The charges were considered separate from the indictments.

Atty. John Crow represented the three in the court proceedings.

Rubbish collection for the City of St. Joseph scheduled for Thurs. will be picked up Fri. Adv.

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### All Roads In Area Passable

#### Light, Fluffy Stuff Causing No Problems

By SANDRA DRAKE  
Staff Writer

If you are humming "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas," you can quit.

A widespread storm that dumped from three to six inches of snow across southwestern Michigan guaranteed an adequate supply of snow for the holiday.

The weather bureau predicted the storm would diminish by this evening, but that flurries would continue tonight, then cease on Wednesday. Cold temperatures and possible snow flurries are forecast for Christmas day.

#### FOUR INCHES HERE

Three to four inches of snow were reported in the Twin Cities by the Berrien County Road Commission and the Twin Cities airport.

Four to five inches of snow was reported by the Van Buren County Road commission and deputies at the Cass County Sheriff's department estimated five inches had fallen in that county since 3 a.m.

Six inches of snow was reported from city and state police at Niles and New Buffalo.

All roads are passable in Berrien county according to a representative of the road commission. Snow crews were still spreading sand and salt this morning but they report the snow is light and easy to plow.

An agent of North Central Airlines at Ross Field said the flight from Chicago had been cancelled due to the low ceiling but otherwise all other flights were on schedule.

Roads are snow-covered in Van Buren county but officials said they are just slightly slippery and travelers won't have trouble getting to their destinations.

Only one minor accident, a pedestrian-car accident in Niles, was reported this morning due to the weather.

Paul Williams, 57, of 889 Carberry street, Niles was hit while walking on Main street near Niles, about one-half mile outside of the city limits.

State police at the Niles post said Williams was struck at 6:49 a.m. today by a car driven by Clifford Teske, 26 N. Lincoln road, Niles. Police said Teske reported he was unable to see Williams in the dark and snow flurries.

#### LEG INJURY

According to police Williams suffered a leg injury and was transferred from Niles Pawling hospital to South Bend Memorial hospital. The accident is still under investigation.

State police at New Buffalo said the low number of accidents could possibly be attributed to the fact that schools aren't in session and not as

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SWEET HOME: Susan Young, 5, looks wishfully for perhaps a bit of the 18-inch cookie house her father, Jerry Young, 25, Flint, built. Young said it took several days of part-time work to bake and make the house. Young works at the Flint Chevrolet V-8 Engine Plant. (AP Wirephoto)

## Money Is Top Issue For State In 1969

### Laws Change For Banking, Bonds

By JOHN TEARE  
Associated Press Writer  
LANSING (AP) — Nineteen sixty-nine was the year of money issues in the 75th Michigan Legislature.

### Gas Explosion Rips Cottage Near Hell

HELL, Mich. (AP) — An explosion destroyed a vacation cottage Monday at Half Moon Lake, damaging about a dozen nearby cottages in the process.

The Washtenaw County sheriff's department attributed the explosion to gas leakage. Windows were broken within a quarter-mile radius and nearby trees were strung with clothing and other articles belonging to the Edward Rice family. The family was not at its cottage and no injuries were reported.

Sheriff's deputies said the explosion was heard in Hell, about a mile to the north.

### Thieves Make Getaway On Snowmobiles

KALAMAZOO (AP) — The burglars who broke into the Railway Express agency on Kalamazoo's Southeast Side Sunday made their escape on snowmobiles.

Police said \$1,000 in cash and a 38-cal. revolver were taken from a smashed safe, a desk and filing cabinet. The burglars beat a hasty exit after tripping the burglar alarm, police said. It had been snowing at the time, and police found snowmobile tracks leading from the back of the warehouse to a road a half mile away.

igan Legislature. Before members adjourned for the year last week they had grappled with controversies ranging from parochialism, education and tax reform to abortion laws, dog-racing, campaign spending and the price of beer.

But most decisive, far-reaching acts taken by the Legislature and incorporated into law under the pen of Gov. William G. Milliken were these:

—Two changes in Michigan's usury laws on home loan and municipal bond interest rates.

—The first revision in 30 years of laws on "unsafe and unsound" — or illegal — banking practices.

—Passage of three bills detailing procedures for distributing some \$435 million in major bond issues.

#### MAJOR EFFORT

To be sure, more bills — some 340 of them in all — did cross Milliken's desk and several were sent back, but the six outlined

the long-fixed 6 - per cent ceiling on tax - free municipal bond interest rates.

The state of the money market figured in legislative priorities from the moment Milliken proposed on March 7 a change in the distribution formula of a \$100 - million recreational development bond that had been approved by voters the previous November.

Former Gov. George Romney and the state's Natural Resources Department outlined a plan to allocate \$70 million for state projects and \$30 million for local use.

Milliken concluded, as he said

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### Separatist Is Innocent In Shooting

#### Officer Wounded At Detroit Church

DETROIT (AP) — Alfred Hibbitt, a member of the black separatist Republic of New Africa, was found innocent by a racially mixed jury Monday of wounding a policeman outside the New Bethel Baptist Church last March.

The 38-year-old Hibbitt was charged with assault with intent to commit murder in the shooting of Michael E. Worobec outside the inner city church March 29 in gunfire which claimed the life of Worobec's partner, patrolman Michael Czapski. Hibbitt is from Detroit.

Worobec was shot outside the church, where the R.N.A. had just completed its first anniversary celebration. Another member, Rafael Viera of New York, has been charged in Czapski's death.

The verdict was reached by the jury of six blacks and six whites after three hours of deliberation. The trial began six weeks earlier.

A small crowd in the courtroom applauded the decision after the jury was dismissed. Hibbitt clasped his attorneys and wept.

In the trial, Kenneth Cockrel, an attorney for Hibbitt, contended that the key prosecution witness lied and that the prosecution had him "on a string."

The witness, David Brown Jr. of Compton, Calif., identified Hibbitt as the man he saw shoot at Worobec.

Cockrel told the jury that Brown originally was charged with assault with intent to commit murder in the incident, but then was placed on probation under the state's youthful-offenders act.

"They are keeping Brown on a string," Cockrel said. "all Brown must do is appear as a witness when he is called."

Wayne County assistant prosecutor Robert Harrison said in a 75-minute summation that Brown stuck by his story despite several days of intense cross-examination.

## Rusk's Selection May Get 2 Fired

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — A recommendation to name former Secretary of State Dean Rusk as a faculty member at the University of Georgia might result in removal of Dr. Fred C. Davidson as president of the University and George L. Simpson Jr. as chancellor of the university system, sources said Monday night.

Sources close to the State Board of Regents, which must approve all appointments in the university system, said the actions of Simpson and Davidson in post has virtually assured that they will be removed.

Some members of the regents, who had heard nothing of the recommended appointment until

after Rusk had been approached, expressed not only opposition to the appointment but indignation that they had not been kept informed. They declined to be identified.

Opposition to Rusk stems primarily from his liberal posture as secretary of state for eight years under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, and from the fact that his daughter married a Negro.

"Whatever is done, it will do harm to Georgia, and to the University of Georgia system," said Gov. Lester Maddox.

Maddox, generally outspoken was guarded in his comments on the growing controversy. Sources close to him said he is being extremely careful to avoid in-



DEAN RUSK

terjecting himself into something than can only be resolved by the regents.

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# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

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## Energy's Aches And Pains

As rising costs, soaring energy demands and environmental considerations become ever - more pressing, the nation's basic energy industries, electric power, natural gas and petroleum, are being confronted with problems of a revolutionary nature. If these problems are not to leave chaos in their wake, a vital ingredient must be achieved with respect to the industries that provide heat, light and power for over 200 million U. S. citizens. That ingredient is public understanding of the elementary issues and principles involved.

More than a generation ago, the investor owned electric light and power industry found itself in the midst of a nationwide political drive to put government, at taxpayer expense, into the power business. The intervening years have shown that government, as a commercial business manager, leaves much to be desired; and fortunately, in spite of continuing advocacy from political quarters of public power, the investor owned industry has done a remarkable job of meetings its responsibilities to the nation's electric power consumers.

Today, investor owned utilities are confronted with a new kind of crisis, a crisis that is discussed in some detail by Jeremy Main in Fortune magazine. Main speaks of an "evolutionary crisis" to describe the present situation of the electric utility industry. While he finds fault with the industry in a number of respects, he grants that "Not all of the utilities' problems are of their own making."

His discussion deals with contemporary events which he feels constitute the new crisis. The part that governmental policies, ruthless political attack, the threat of government competition and harassment by tax-favored, socialized electric power projects may have played in delaying or forestalling investor owned development are not analyzed. Instead, such projects are credited with having had a healthy effect on the utility industry by forcing lower prices and setting exam-

ples of alleged efficiency against which the taxpaying companies could be compared. Aside from this, the Fortune report is devoted almost wholly to the complex questions of the present.

Main writes: "In the past six years the cost of building generating capacity has increased 46 per cent for conventional power and 43 per cent for nuclear power. Interest rates have gone from the comfortable post World War II rate of around 3 per cent to 8 per cent and more today." Interest rates are one of the heaviest costs of utility operations. Main points out that completion of scores of nuclear plants now under construction will be delayed as much as two years. Many power companies, in the meantime, must obtain supplies of energy to take up the slack regardless of costs. Engineers find it increasingly difficult to calculate the impact of inflation in making construction estimates. Six years ago, it was thought that a nuclear or fossil fueled plant could be built for about \$110 per kilowatt, yet the cost of a plant ordered today for 1975 delivery is \$186 for coal power and \$228 for nuclear power. Main predicts, "the day of declining electricity rates is over."

Public regulation itself has been a factor in creating the crisis in the energy industries. Some years ago, utility type regulation was applied to natural gas producers, despite warnings that such regulation would lead to a shortage of natural gas. The warnings were disregarded, and today consumption of gas is outstripping discovery of new reserves. Regulatory authorities now appear to be coming around to the belief that the holding down prices of natural gas in the name of the consumers has exacted a high price in diminishing gas supplies. The petroleum industry also faces an energy crisis resulting from a threatened curtailment of tax incentives essential to oil exploration and development.

We do, indeed, as Main concludes, appear to be facing an energy crisis. In the matter of environment, he says of opposition to power company expansion plans, "Americans do not seem to be willing to let the utilities continue devouring these ever increasing quantities of water, air, and land. And yet clearly they also are not now willing to contemplate doing without all the electricity they want. These two wishes are incompatible."

In one way or another, all of the energy industries are confronted with similar dilemmas, the solution of which will ultimately depend upon an enlightened public understanding of economic and environmental questions having to do with our very existence.

work jam. Investors are seriously inconvenienced. Some brokers have suffered severe financial losses.

Progress was made early this year in cutting down the jam, partly because stock exchanges and brokerage houses became concerned over the peril of a chain reaction financial collapse and put into effect steps to hire and train more clerical help.

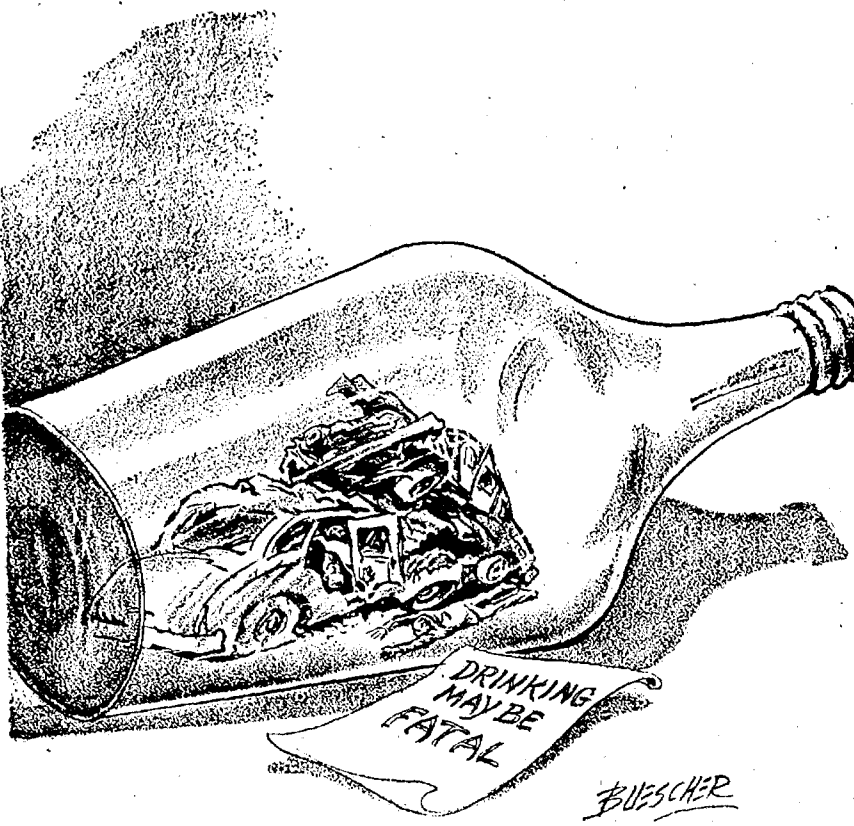
It now appears that much of the improvement was due mainly to a falling off in trading volume.

In October, trading spurted. So did errors and mistakes. Although the trading pace has since eased off, the backlog of undelivered securities remains intolerably high.

The Securities and Exchange Commission is again alarmed. It has warned Wall Street that a repetition of last year's mess cannot be permitted and adds that unless remedial steps are taken it might invoke antifraud provisions of securities laws against firms which undertake trades on which they can't deliver.

The SEC's concern is justified. Sloppy bookkeeping should not be tolerated in Wall Street any more than it would be in the banking world. The SEC owes it to the public to take stronger action than merely issuing repeated warnings.

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## GLANCING BACKWARDS

### JULIE'S WEDDING PRIVATE, PERSONAL

—1 Year Ago—  
Julie Nixon, younger daughter of President-elect Nixon, and Dwight David Eisenhower II, only grandson of the former president, were married in a brief Protestant ceremony that, from beginning to end, carried out the bride's wish for a private and personal wedding.

Before a small white, silk-covered altar banked by rows of red and white poinsettias in the historic old Marble Collegiate church, Julia surprised her father when she turned and kissed him after he gave her to the groom. At the end of the ceremony, she again broke tradition and did not kiss the groom.

### SPEED LIMIT JUMPS TO 65

—10 Years Ago—  
State and county authorities Tuesday took the wraps off a new speed limit plan for US-12 south from Stevensville to the Indiana state line effective next week.

In a joint announcement, it was revealed the 50 mph speed controls will be replaced with the maximum Michigan speed limit of 65 mph by day and 55 by night from the Stevensville road to the junction of M-60 and

### US-12 at New Buffalo.

### RIVAL GREEK UNITS BATTLE

—25 Years Ago—  
A strong attack by left-wing ELAS forces in northwest Greece against rightist guerrillas led by Gen. Napoleon Zervas was announced today by British military headquarters.

The announcement asserted the attack was in violation of an agreement signed by the opposing Greek forces of Caserta before allied forces landed in Greece to drive out the Germans.

### HOME FOR HOLIDAY

—35 Years Ago—  
Miss Virginia McMullen is home from Nazareth academy for the holidays. She is head of the speech department in the Kalamazoo school.

### SHIP STOPPED

—45 Years Ago—  
The City of Grand Rapids, flagship of the Graham and Morton line, was tied up at port in Holland, unable to proceed

because of the heavy seas. The vessel started out for Chicago but turned back due to the ice banking the shoals at the pier at Holland.

### RESIGNED

—55 Years Ago—  
Charles W. Matthews has resigned as supervisor of Bertrand township; Albert Houseworth, member of the county Democratic committee, will fill the vacancy. Mr. Matthews was elected last November as a member of the state house of representatives.

### CANDIDATES HOPEFUL

—75 Years Ago—  
The candidates for the St. Joseph postoffice are all hopeful and each one seems to have a strong following. The matter will probably be decided early in the session of congress. It is understood that Captain Brooks is the man upon whom Postmaster Canavan's mantle may fall when the worthy gentleman lays down the cancelling stamp and relinquishes the key to the front door.

## RUTH RAMSEY

## Today's Grab Bag

### THE ANSWER QUICK:

1. How many teeth constitute a complete normal adult set?
2. In what opera is the "Toreador Song" sung?
3. In what city was Madame Tussaud's Wax Works located?
4. What heroine of Chaucer is noted for her patient obedience to her husband?
5. In what state is the greater part of Yellowstone National Park?

### YOUR FUTURE

You appear to still be in a good "cycle" and your luck should be enhanced. Today's child will be self-reliant.

### WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE

FRACAS — (FRAY-kes) — noun; a disorderly noise, disturbance or fight; uproar.

### DID YOU KNOW . . .

Police of Tibet carry the largest clubs of any peace officers in the world.

### BORN TODAY

Connie Mack, the ageless patriarch of baseball, bridged the gap between the ancient days of the sport and the present.

Cornelius McGillicuddy was the third of seven children. At 21 he was earning \$15 a week in a shoe factory in East Brookfield, Mass., and playing baseball on the side.

In those days, the pitching distance was 40 feet from the plate and the catcher stood 12 feet behind it, grabbing at the ball on the first bounce. The pitchers hurled and the batters could call for high or low pitches.

Jobless in 1884, Connie wondered if he couldn't make a living as a catcher. He started out with a Meriden, Conn., team at \$90 a month. He was chosen the most valuable player on the team. The friends in his home town were impressed — Connie accepted a \$150 a month contract from Hartford and made more money than the foreman in the shoe factory.

He moved up to Washington in 1886, then played for Buffalo, Pittsburgh and Milwaukee. He finished his major league career with a batting average of .251.

His managerial career began at Pittsburgh when he replaced Al Buckenberger as manager of the National League club. After a brief stint with Milwaukee, he started his association with the Philadelphia Athletics at the turn of the century.

During the intervening years, Connie saw his fortunes rise and fall with some of the American League's best and worst teams.

Others born today include Jose Greco and Ruth Roman.

### IT HAPPENED TODAY

On this day in 1913, the Federal Reserve banking system went into operation.

### IT'S BEEN SAID

When men of talents are punished, authority is strengthened. — Tacitus.

### HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1. 32.
2. Carmen.
3. London.
4. Griselda.
5. Wyoming.

## DR. COLEMAN

## ..And Speaking Of Your Health

The heads of the American people sometimes bob like punch-drunk boxers because of confusing medical information. A reader from New York City said, "Only recently you referred to aspirin as an excellent drug. Now we are being bombarded on T V with the advantages of no-aspirin medicines for headache and indigestion. No one explains why. Will you?"

Aspirin, or acetylsalicylic acid, is truly an excellent drug which can be used effectively and inexpensively for a variety of complaints.

This fine drug, however, cannot be used in safety by persons who have certain medical conditions. It is for these specific conditions that no-aspirin medicines have been developed. They are designed to retain all the original benefits without any hazard due to the aspirin.

It is a well-established fact that aspirin in any form or amount should not be taken by anyone who has or has had a peptic ulcer of the stomach or the small intestine (duodenum). Even those with a history of a completely healed ulcer should not invite unnecessary problems by using aspirin.

The reason is that this drug can be irritating to the delicate lining of the entire intestinal tract. Persons who have inflammation of the esophagus, a hiatus hernia, gastritis or some forms of colitis should avoid aspirin.

People who are known to have some types of bleeding tendency must also avoid aspirin. It is for a related reason that aspirin in any form is not used for several weeks after the removal of tonsils or following most types of surgery.

Patients who are taking blood-thinning drugs are advised not

to use aspirin because aspirin tends to further reduce the blood clotting mechanism.

There is, therefore, great wisdom in finding out from your doctor if you fall into any one of the classifications that might forbid the use of this drug.

I might add that those who write advertising material for radio, television, and newspapers have an excellent sense of responsibility for the medical truths in their copy. Federal health agencies are constantly on the lookout for the protection of the consumer regarding the safety of new and old drugs. You can assume that when aspirin is purposely removed from some medicines, safety is assured to the millions of people who should not be taking the drug.

The overweight infant often becomes the overweight adolescent and ultimately the obese adult. Many mothers, especially in the handling of their first child, falsely feel that the well-weighted baby is a healthy one. Consequently, these children are stuffed to the exploding point when sensible limits would be so much more advantageous.

This food-pushing may carry over as the child grows older but it probably is not the only reason for overweight in the adolescent. The anxious, tense child in the pre-puberty age group should have more attention directed to the underlying anxiety than to the forcing of a strict diet.

**SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH:** Do not keep cleaning fluids in milk or pop bottles. Children are confused and too frequently swallow dangerous fluids.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

## JAY BECKER

## Contract Bridge

North dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♦ 10 9  
♥ A J 4  
♦ A Q J 10 5  
♣ K J 10

**WEST**  
♦ K 8 6 4 3  
♥ 10 9 7  
♦ 6 3  
♣ 8 4 2

**EAST**  
♦ Q J 5  
♥ K Q 6 2  
♦ K 7  
♣ 9 7 6 3

**SOUTH**  
♦ A 7 2  
♥ 8 5 3  
♦ 9 8 4 2  
♣ A Q 5

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1 ♦ Pass 1 NT Pass  
2 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — four of spades.

"Let's say you're declarer in three notrump and West leads the four of spades. East plays the jack, which you duck, and continues with the queen, which you also duck.

You win the next spade with the ace and lead the nine of diamonds, losing to East's king. Eventually you lose a heart trick also, but you still wind up with nine tricks consisting of four diamonds, three clubs, a spade and a heart.

There seems to be nothing to

the play of the hand, and you may happily go on to the next deal, but, if you stop to think about the matter some more, it eventually registers that you had a narrow escape and actually would have gone down against proper defense.

The culprit in the hand is West, who would have defeated the contract had he paid closer attention to what was going on. West should realize at trick two that establishing his spades offers absolutely no future, since he has no entry card to cash them after they are established.

Accordingly, when East returns the queen of spades and South follows with the seven, West should overtake the queen with the king in order to stop East from continuing the futile attack upon declarer's ace of spades.

West should then shift to the ten of hearts in an effort to locate the most likely weak spot in declarer's armor.

South now finds himself absolutely powerless against this attack from a new quarter. It does not matter whether he takes the heart with the ace, or covers the ten with the jack, or ducks completely — in all these cases the defense winds up with two spades, three hearts and a diamond — and the outcome is that South goes down two.

## BENNET CERF

## Try And Stop Me

A hypochondriac of the first water was boasting that at one time or another he had been a patient in every hospital in New York. "There's one you've never been at, I'll bet," prodded Hy Gardner. "The Woman's Hospital!" "You lose," shouted the hypochondriac. "I was born there!"

Here's where we dispose of three unabashed punsters in one paragraph. Tom Middlesworth contends that Composer Haydn once attended a masquerade ball dressed in a Hindu robe with his beard parted and tucked under his turban. His hostess muttered, "I never thought I'd see Haydn go Siki!" Alda Coulter sent a wrist watch as a birthday gift to a friend. The card she enclosed in the package read, "There is no present like the time." And Rosemary Ames encountered a cowardly counterfeiter who still had first dollar he every made.

### REPORTE:

1. FIRST DAMSEL: the kind of man I want is a go-getter.

2. FIRST GRAD: Give ME a man who's already GOT it!

3. FIRST GRAD: Why are you so set on marrying a French girl?

4. SECOND GRAD: Well, for one thing, her mother will be



living in Paris.

3. FIRST NURSE: Why is that crazy doctor hollering, "Tetanus! Typhoid! Small pox?"

SECOND NURSE: He's calling his shots.

## Factographs

Kites were used for meteorological purposes before balloons came into general use.

Rhode Island was the first of the 13 original American colonies to declare independence from Great Britain.

The South American black widow spider has a poison capable of killing a human.

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## BH BOARD REJECTS SPLIT-SHIFT PROPOSAL



**A GOOD START:** Mrs. Jacquelyn Zerlaut, office manager of UAW Local 793 turns over to Bob Mayforth, Farmers and Merchants branch manager, some \$900 in contributions to the Richardson family of Coloma. The family was orphaned after auto accident killed both parents Dec. 2. The money was raised by Richardson's fellow employees at Auto Specialties Co. The public now is encouraged to contribute. Also pictured is A. F. Dexel, assistant secretary of Ausco, where Richardson worked for 21 years. (Staff photo)

### Door Kept Open For Next Fall

Committee Will Study Half-Day Plan, Alternatives

Benton Harbor board of education has rejected a proposal to put senior high on double sessions, effective the second semester.

The board, meeting in special session Monday, kept the door ajar for the possibility of split shifts next fall by voting to establish a committee for further consideration of the matter.

Also under study by the board will be proposals submitted by Supt. Mark Lewis as alternatives to split shifts. These involve scheduling and building changes to ease overcrowding. The board's action put aside a double shift proposed for the third time in four years.

**SHORT NOTICE**  
Dr. Lewis said the newest proposal arrived on short notice for starting in the second semester this year. It would involve a hectic situation of rescheduling students and faculty, although Lewis noted the high school administration informed him it could be done. The district would be burdened with \$35,000 more in transportation costs, chargeable to this year's budget with about \$25,000 reimbursed later by the state.

The double session or "extended day" plan originated with the faculty which voted 55 to 13 for it. The measure also was supported by the student council. It would have placed juniors and seniors on a morning shift with sophomores attending classes in the afternoon. All five board members present yesterday voted against split shifts for the second semester. James Nettleton, board vice president, said he would like more data on what the real capacity of senior high is. He has heard figures of 1,500; 1,700; 1,800 and said the building once had 2,400.

**1,700 LIMIT**  
Lewis recommended positive approaches to assure that there are no more than 1,700 students in the building at any one time. The administration is shooting for the second semester to open a skill center at 373 South Fair avenue with the backing of the Area Resources Improvement Council (ARIC). The center would house vocational education classes in auto mechanics, machine shop, building trades, drafting and electronics presently taught at senior high and new classes next year in graphic arts and auto body repair.

It would accommodate 150 students daily, increasing to 240 next year. Rooms presently used for vocational education could be assigned to other purposes and relieve overcrowding.

Other recommendations of Lewis: increase the work experience (co-op) program which takes students out of the school part of the day for private employment; a reduced class load for emotionally disturbed students; create a "learning center" for students with problems that prevent them from functioning in a regular school program; eliminate study hall for as many as possible with a later start and earlier dismissal for students who walk.

**OFFICE SPACE**  
Make immediate plans to (See page 9, col. 5)



**WINS DEGREE:** Miss Barbara Jean Peoples received master's degree in arts last weekend at Western Michigan university. She has been teaching second grade classes at Henry C. Morton elementary school, Benton Harbor. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Peoples, Sr., 132 Pine street, Benton Harbor.



**A SINGING CHRISTMAS:** Youngsters of United Methodist Peace temple choirs and children living in the neighborhood of the church gave musical season's greetings Monday to residents of Harbor Towers, Benton Harbor's senior citizens apartment.

ments. They were directed by Mrs. John Murray. After their good turn, the youngsters were treated at a party in the youth center of the church. (Staff photo)

### Executive Named By Chamber

Monroe Native Replaces Donovan

Robert LaPrad has been appointed assistant manager of the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce, according to Roger H. Curry, executive vice president of the Chamber.

LaPrad will assume the position previously held by Dennis Donovan, who is now chief executive of the Greater Monroe Chamber of Commerce. LaPrad, a native of Monroe, Mich., has a varied employment background. Most recently he was employed for eight months as assistant manager of information for the American Society of Tool and Manufacturing Engineers in Dearborn.

His previous experience includes a year as director of promotional advertising and publications for the Michigan International Speedway, Inc.,



ROBERT LAPRAD

five months as assistant program director for the Junior Chamber International, Inc., Miami Beach, Florida, and eight months as a junior order clerk with the Standard Oil Division of American Oil Co., Detroit.

LaPrad, 26, is a 1961 graduate of Monroe high school and took various correspondence courses while in the service.

He and his wife, Dorothy, will be moving into the area after the first of the year.

### Street Project Gets Go-Ahead

Now BH Must Find Cash To Match Low Bid

A \$50,000 stumbling block to a major street improvement program in Benton Harbor's downtown urban renewal project was removed last night and a contract awarded for the work.

The city commission awarded the pact to the John G. Yerington Concrete company on its low bid of \$510,208.87.

Commission action came after City Manager Don C. Stewart outlined ways to overcome the stumbling block. No decision was made on just which solution would be tried, but Stewart said this action could come later.

**\$459,000 ON HAND**  
The stumbling block resulted from the difference in the Yerington bid for the work and the \$459,000 on hand to pay for it.

Stewart said the difference could be made up by charging off some \$46,000 in water line improvements to the Water Works department; seeking additional federal cash grants or seeking credit from the federal government for locally financed projects already completed.

The completed projects would be such as the new library, renovation of the police department, and possibly the senior citizens housing building.

Covered by the improvement contract are the paving and installation or relocation of water, sewer and storm sewer lines on the new Market street and sections of Colfax, Eighth and Wall streets.

Stewart said grading work for the new Market street probably would start in January. Major construction work would follow in the spring.

**ADDITIONAL WORK**  
In other action, the commission approved adding an additional \$1,852 worth of demolition work to a contract held by the Yerington firm in another area of the renewal project. Included would be removal of the old Goldbaum store and parking lot and an old garage on Ninth street.

An agreement with the Paladium Publishing company was approved protecting the firm against liability for continued use of Michigan street as a public street even though owned by the firm. The firm is getting the street between the YMCA and Colfax as part of its proposed expansion within the renewal district. Stewart said the street would remain in public use for some time after the deed to the land was actually transferred to the firm, however.

The commission took under study a proposal by Benton township to apply to the federal government for \$17,800 in planning money for sanitary sewer facilities on Empire and Territorial avenues.

The township, said Stewart, believed a joint approach to the problem was worthwhile since both the township and city could benefit. According to Stewart the city has again been reminded by letters from state agencies about problems of combined storm and sanitary drainage on both streets.

**GREETINGS**  
Mayor Wilbert Smith, Manager Stewart and members of the commission wished residents of the city a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

**ENTERTAIN GUESTS**  
GALIEN — Among the Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Dickey will be Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dickey of Homer, Mich., and Mrs. Patricia Price of Lafayette, Ind.

**HOME FROM HAWAII**  
THREE OAKS — Mrs. Fred Roadley of Three Oaks and Mrs. Foster Bowker of Galien have returned home after spending a two week vacation in Hawaii.

**HOME FOR CHRISTMAS**  
Friends, Neighbors Aid Burned-Out SJ Family

With luck and the help of a host of friends Mr. and Mrs. Ray Patrick, Sr. will be back into their home for Christmas. An explosion and resultant fire destroyed all of their clothing, Christmas presents and made the downstairs of their two-story house at 710 Lions Park drive, St. Joseph, uninhabitable on Sunday, Dec. 7.

Since then Mrs. Patrick said, relatives, neighbors, members of St. Joseph Catholic parish and United Methodist church, city of St. Joseph public works employees, and Ace plumbers workers have helped out the Patricks and their children in many ways. She expressed the whole family appreciation for the assistance. Mrs. Patrick said the family was especially thankful for St. Joseph firemen who knocked the furious oil and gasoline fed blaze down in minutes.

### Fund Set Up To Help 12 Orphaned By Crash

Coloma Family Needs House

A fund has been established to aid the 12-member Adrian Richardson family of Coloma whose parents were killed in a car accident Dec. 2.

The family includes sons and daughters as old as 22 and as young as 5. They are determined to remain together as a family, reports Mrs. Jacquelyn Zerlaut, office manager of United Auto Workers Local 793, but they need help.

The local, along with Auto Specialties Co. (Ausco), is sponsoring the fund to meet immediate needs. Family Attorney Lester Page said the family eventually would benefit from Social Security and life insurance. But Page fears Social Security payments may be as much as three months off and the insurance, complicated by the death of both parents, seems in for some delay, too.

A. F. Dexel, assistant secretary of Ausco, said one of the family's greatest needs is a house large enough for all of them. The fund, he said, could help in this respect.

**TOTAL NOW \$900**  
The fund began as a spontaneous gesture among Richardson's fellow employees at Ausco, where he worked for 21 years. Collections now total \$900.

Now the fund is going public. Additional donations are encouraged from the community at large. They may be made, by mail, to the Richardson Family Fund, in care of Farmers and Merchants bank, Benton Harbor, or by cash contribution at any F&M office.

Mrs. Zerlaut stressed that food and Christmas presents already have been provided in generous amounts by neighbors, friends and civic organizations. What they need now, Mrs. Zerlaut said, is money and furniture. She invited any one with a contribution of furniture to call her at 927-3468 after the first of the year.

Adrian Richardson, 45, and his wife, Martha, 42, were killed at Riverside and Coloma roads in a two-car collision.

interchange is experiencing the fastest growth in the entire county.

Zollar advised that the financing he left with the department and suggested that no deviations be suggested from the engineer's plans.

**LIAISON ASSIGNED**  
Small said a liaison officer representing the Corps of Engineers had been assigned to provide background information to Robert Gove of Gove Engineers who is conducting a study for the chamber on bluff erosion, its causes and possible solutions.

Zollar said the optimistic picture of progress in selling bonds to finance water and sewer services was clouded by ceilings on bonds. Zollar said the state may have to go to short term financing which would increase its yearly expense by \$70 million.

Zollar and Pears reported on the school reorganization program. Zollar said he admired Gov. Miliken for introducing the controversial legislation but said it was too big to be passed in the short time available. Pears said the biggest obstruction in the house was the fact the Democrats were in the majority and they were bottling up legislation.

**RETURN HOME**  
GANGES—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elliott have returned home following a vacation to Illinois, Indiana and Missouri.

Zollar said the difference between 90-10 financing and 50-50 financing is approximately \$400,000 on the \$1.08 million project. He indicated this would

not be an insurmountable obstacle.

Supervisor Harry Gast of Lincoln township suggested the chamber go to Lansing armed with figures to show how important the interchange was to his Lincoln township's growth pattern. He said the area within a three-mile radius of the

Zollar, Benton Harbor Republican, agreed to set up a conference between the state highway commission and the interchange committee of the chamber, probably for the middle of January.

Zollar and Rep. Don Pears of Buchanan attended the chamber session last night at the Snow Flake motel where chamber officials reported on their recent trip to Washington to plug for a full interchange and focus attention on Lake Michigan shoreline erosion.

**ZOLLAR OPTIMISTIC**  
Zollar sounded an optimistic note on the chances for adding two more ramps to the I-94 interchange. Chamber President James Small said every effort will be made to convince federal bureau of roads officials that the interchange should be completed on the 90-10 matching basis.

But said Zollar the difference between 90-10 financing and 50-50 financing is approximately \$400,000 on the \$1.08 million project. He indicated this would